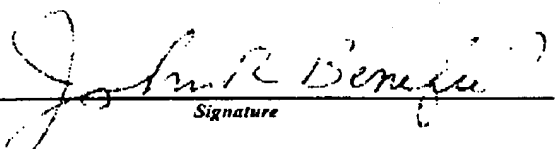


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<b>PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)</b> <b>(Large Entity)</b>				Docket No. <b>DUR-104</b>	
In Re Application Of: <b>Donald G. Gordy</b>					
Application No. <b>10/627,346</b>	Filing Date <b>July 25, 2003</b>	Examiner <b>Michael P. Ferguson</b>	Customer No. <b>27014</b>	Group Art Unit <b>3679</b>	Confirmation No. <b>2326</b>
Invention: <b>ARRANGEMENT AND METHOD FOR CONNECTING A ROD END TO A HEADED PIN</b>					
<b><u>COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:</u></b>					
This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of <u>August 3, 2006</u> in the above-identified application. <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>Date</i></span>					
The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):					
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> One month <input type="checkbox"/> Two months <input type="checkbox"/> Three months <input type="checkbox"/> Four months <input type="checkbox"/> Five months					
from: <u>November 3, 2006</u> until: <u>December 3, 2006</u> <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>Date</i></span> <span style="margin-left: 100px;"><i>Date</i></span>					
The fee for the extension of time is <b>\$120</b> and is to be paid as follows:					
<input type="checkbox"/> A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed. <input type="checkbox"/> The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. <input type="checkbox"/> If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.					
<b>WARNING: Information on this form may become public. Credit card information should not be included on this form. Provide credit card information and authorization on PTO-2038.</b>					
 _____ <i>Signature</i>			Dated: <b>December 4, 2006</b>		
<b>John R. Benefiel</b> 280 Daines Street, Suite 100B Birmingham, MI 48009 248-644-1455 248-644-6530			I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to "Commissioner for Patents, P O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450" (37 CFR 1.8(a)) on <u>December 4, 2006</u> (Date) _____ /John R. Benefiel/ _____ <i>Signature of Person Mailing Correspondence</i> <b>John R. Benefiel</b> _____ <i>Typed or Printed Name of Person Mailing Correspondence</i>		
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